Sl. No.	Name of the scheme	Number of proposals received	Total cost (Rs. in crores)	Action Taken
1.	Improvement of National Highways	41	76.76	27 works costing Rs. 45.50 crores were sanctioned
2.	Central Road Fund	15	64.68	Not approved because proposals upto the bank of sanction already approved
3.	Roads of Inter-state and economic importance	2	10.41	Approved

All works are required to be executed to norms and specifications laid down by Ministry and Indian Roads Congress.

Subsidy to SSI

†2762. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to provide subsidy for development of Small Scale Industries;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any steps in this direction so far; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Under the Comprehensive Policy package for the Small Scale Industries announced on 30th August, 2000, the Government have launched a Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme for Technology Upgradation of the Small Scale Industries (SSIs) which provides capital subsidy equal to 12% of the loan raised by registered SSI units from Scheduled Commercial Banks, National

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Small Industries Corporation and State Financial Corporations for induction of approved proven technologies in the specified products/sub-sectors. Small Industries Development Bank of India is the nodal agency for the operation of the Scheme. A Governing and Technology Approval Board has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of SSI & ARI to monitor the implementation of the scheme and to identify the latest technologies. The scheme would facilitate the small scale industries in improving the quality of products and enable them to become globally competitive.

Promotion of export in SSI Sector

2763. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Small Scale Sector is facing a declining trend in exports;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to promote export of Small Scale Sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The share of the Small Scale Sector in the total exports of the country is stable at about 35% during the last three years for which latest data are available (i.e. 1998-99 to 2000-01).

(c) The Government have taken several steps to promote the export of the Small Scale sector which include the scheme for assistance on acquiring ISO-9000 certification, quality awards, export related managerial development programmes, participation in domestic and international fairs/exhibitions, training on packaging for exports, scheme for Market Development Assistance for SSI exporters etc. Besides, as part of the comprehensive policy package announced for small scale sector by the Government on 30.08.2000, steps have been taken to ensure